

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Beginning on page 16, amend paragraph [057] as follows:

A link may be created by knowing, for example, all of a new side 11 digit addresses and all of an old side 11 digit addresses that moved to the new location. The delivery system operator, comprising the USPS for example, may have the proprietary National Change of Address Database where the old and new 11 digit Delivery Point Barcode information resides. The USPS, for example, can take the old 11 digits (the unknown scans to the mailer) and have a look up table that would reveal a Secure Hash Algorithm ("SHA") [[SHA]] of 4 characters of a person's name and the 11 digit of the original mailing address. This condensed version of the person's name and original mailing address allows for verification of data access, since the [[The]] mailer then only has to compare the revealed SHA with a SHA of his mailing list to link the two 11 digit's together. By only revealing a SHA<sub>1</sub> instead of the mailed to 11 digit<sub>1</sub>, the new information may only be provided to someone who has authorized it, by virtue of having the name and old address, for example.